

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

RAYMOND ESTORES POLLENTES
406 S. Wilton Place, Apt. 5
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Registered Nurse License No. 783966

Respondent

Case No. 2012-442

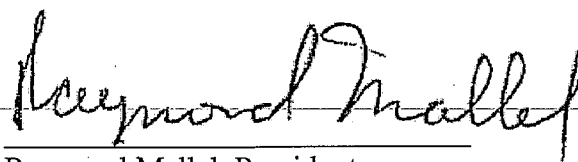
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DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on **October 24, 2012.**

IT IS SO ORDERED **September 24, 2012.**



Raymond Mallel, President
Board of Registered Nursing
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

14 Respondent.

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16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
17 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) is the Interim Executive Officer of the
20 Board of Registered Nursing (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and
21 is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by
22 Linda L. Sun, Deputy Attorney General.

23 2. Respondent Raymond Estores Pollentes (Respondent) is represented in this
24 proceeding by attorney Arthur H. Barends, whose address is: Barends Law Building, 10209 Santa
25 Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067.

26 3. On or about September 20, 2010, the Board issued Registered Nurse License No.
27 783966 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times
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1 relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-442 and will expire on April 30, 2014,
2 unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 2012-442 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against
5 Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served
6 on Respondent on February 16, 2012. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting
7 the Accusation.

8 5. A copy of Accusation No. 2012-442 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein
9 by reference.

10 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

11 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
12 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-442. Respondent has also carefully read, fully
13 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
14 Order.

15 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
16 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at
17 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to
18 present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel
19 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and
20 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California

21 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

22 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
23 every right set forth above.

24 **CULPABILITY**

25 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
26 No. 2012-442.

27 10. Respondent agrees that his Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and he
28 agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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1 **Severability Clause.** Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and
2 distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared
3 unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other
4 applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid
5 and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6 1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and
7 detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in
8 writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with
9 this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within
10 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure
11 application process.

12 **Criminal Court Orders:** If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including
13 probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation
14 conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

15 2. **Comply with the Board's Probation Program.** Respondent shall fully comply with
16 the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with
17 representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance
18 with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no
19 more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license
20 status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

21 Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

22 3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in
23 person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.

24 4. **Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State.** Periods of residency or
25 practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this
26 probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he resides outside of
27 California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of
28 residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or

1 returning to practice in this state.

2 Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where he has ever been licensed
3 as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide
4 information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the
5 term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if he applies for or obtains a new nursing
6 license during the term of probation.

7 **5. Submit Written Reports.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit
8 or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under
9 penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements
10 relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program.
11 Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the
12 Board or its representatives.

13 Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every
14 state and territory in which he has a registered nurse license.

15 **6. Function as a Registered Nurse.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall
16 engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for
17 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

18 For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing"
19 may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any
20 non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

21 The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing
22 for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

23 If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and
24 Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this
25 condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an
26 extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to
27 comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation
28 shall apply.

1 7. **Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain
2 prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or
3 voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all
4 performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request
5 of the Board.

6 Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to his employer and immediate
7 supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

8 In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two
9 (72) hours after he obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent
10 shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after he is terminated or separated,
11 regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full
12 explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

13 8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding
14 Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any
15 employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

16 Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good
17 standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods
18 of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are
19 approved.

20 Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the
21 following:

22 (a) Maximum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in
23 the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.

24 (b) Moderate - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient
25 care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.

26 (c) Minimum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-
27 person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.

28 (d) Home Health Care - If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care

1 setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person
2 communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall
3 maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision
4 and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing
5 supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to
6 patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.

7 **9. Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any
8 private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse,
9 or for an in-house nursing pool.

10 Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the
11 registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the
12 Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits
13 are required.

14 Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses.
15 The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses
16 and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

17 Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an
18 instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

19 Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined
20 worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

21 If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may
22 request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

23 **10. Complete a Nursing Course(s).** Respondent, at his own expense, shall enroll and
24 successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six
25 months prior to the end of his probationary term.

26 Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s).
27 Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the
28 above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after

1 photocopying them for its records.

2 11. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its
3 investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the
4 amount of \$1,652.50. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan
5 approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end
6 of the probation term.

7 If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and
8 Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this
9 condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an
10 extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to
11 comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation
12 will apply.

13 12. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates the conditions of his probation, the
14 Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order
15 and impose the stayed revocation of Respondent's license.

16 If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been
17 filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare
18 an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary
19 period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has
20 been acted upon by the Board.

21 13. **License Surrender.** During Respondent's term of probation, if he ceases practicing
22 due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation,
23 Respondent may surrender his license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate
24 Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any
25 other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing.
26 Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be
27 subject to the conditions of probation.

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Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

(1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or

(2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

14. **Physical Examination.** Within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent, at his expense, shall have a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, who is approved by the Board before the assessment is performed, submit an assessment of the Respondent's physical condition and capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. Such an assessment shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the Board. If medically determined, a recommended treatment program will be instituted and followed by the Respondent with the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant providing written reports to the Board on forms provided by the Board.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required until the Board has notified Respondent that a medical determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant,

documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

15. Participate in Treatment/Rehabilitation Program for Chemical Dependence.

Respondent, at his expense, shall successfully complete during the probationary period or shall have successfully completed prior to commencement of probation a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program of at least six months duration. As required, reports shall be submitted by the program on forms provided by the Board. If Respondent has not completed a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program prior to commencement of probation, Respondent, within 45 days from the effective date of the decision, shall be enrolled in a program. If a program is not successfully completed within the first nine months of probation, the Board shall consider Respondent in violation of probation.

Based on Board recommendation, each week Respondent shall be required to attend at least one, but no more than five 12-step recovery meetings or equivalent (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.) and a nurse support group as approved and directed by the Board. If a nurse support group is not available, an additional 12-step meeting or equivalent shall be added. Respondent shall submit dated and signed documentation confirming such attendance to the Board during the entire period of probation. Respondent shall continue with the recovery plan recommended by the treatment/rehabilitation program or a licensed mental health examiner and/or other ongoing recovery groups.

16. Abstain from Use of Psychotropic (Mood-Altering) Drugs. Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession, injection or consumption by any route of all controlled substances and all psychotropic (mood altering) drugs, including alcohol, except when the same are ordered by a health care professional legally authorized to do so as part of documented medical treatment. Respondent shall have sent to the Board, in writing and within fourteen (14) days, by the prescribing health professional, a report identifying the medication, dosage, the date the medication was prescribed, the Respondent's prognosis, the date the medication will no longer be required, and the effect on the recovery plan, if appropriate.

Respondent shall identify for the Board a single physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who shall be aware of Respondent's history of substance abuse and will coordinate and monitor any prescriptions for Respondent for dangerous drugs, controlled substances or mood-altering drugs. The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall report to the Board on a quarterly basis Respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances considered addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited use of any such substances.

The Board may require the single coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to be a specialist in addictive medicine, or to consult with a specialist in addictive medicine.

17. **Submit to Tests and Samples.** Respondent, at his expense, shall participate in a random, biological fluid testing or a drug screening program which the Board approves. The length of time and frequency will be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent is responsible for keeping the Board informed of Respondent's current telephone number at all times. Respondent shall also ensure that messages may be left at the telephone number when he is not available and ensure that reports are submitted directly by the testing agency to the Board, as directed. Any confirmed positive finding shall be reported immediately to the Board by the program and Respondent shall be considered in violation of probation.

In addition, Respondent, at any time during the period of probation, shall fully cooperate with the Board or any of its representatives, and shall, when requested, submit to such tests and samples as the Board or its representatives may require for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs, or other controlled substances.

If Respondent has a positive drug screen for any substance not legally authorized and not reported to the coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, and the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

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1 If Respondent fails to participate in a random, biological fluid testing or drug screening
2 program within the specified time frame, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall
3 not resume practice until notified by the Board. After taking into account documented evidence
4 of mitigation, if the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may
5 suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation
6 or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary
7 time period.

8 **18. Mental Health Examination.** Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date
9 of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate
10 to determine his capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be
11 performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by
12 the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that
13 assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent.
14 Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health
15 examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

16 If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the
17 licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the
18 Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's
19 office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease
20 practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of

21 suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board
22 is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits
23 Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this
24 probationary time period.

25 If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day
26 requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until
27 notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this
28 probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant,

1 documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts
2 by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided.
3 Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

4 19. **Therapy or Counseling Program.** Respondent, at his expense, shall participate in
5 an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases him from this requirement
6 and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor
7 will be required at various intervals.

8 **ACCEPTANCE**

9 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
10 discussed it with my attorney, Arthur H. Barens. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will
11 have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
12 Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order
13 of the Board of Registered Nursing.

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15 DATED: 6-18-12

Raymond E. Pollentes
RAYMOND ESTORES POLLENTES
Respondent

17 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Raymond Estores Pollentes the terms and
18 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
19 I approve its form and content.

20 DATED: 6-18-12

Arthur H. Barens
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Attorney for Respondent

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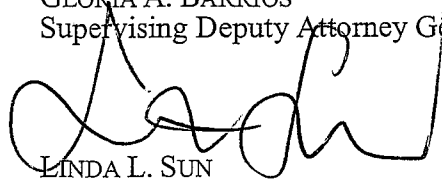
ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 6-20-12

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2012-442

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Respondent.

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17 Complainant alleges:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
20 official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
21 of Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about September 20, 2010, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued
23 Registered Nurse License No. 783966 to Raymond Estores Pollentes (Respondent). The
24 Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25 herein and will expire on April 30, 2012, unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
28 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

6. Section 2761 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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"(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

7. Section 490 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued."

8. Section 2762 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

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1 "(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section
2 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in
3 Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to
4 himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her
5 ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

6 "(c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the prescription, consumption, or
7 self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section,
8 or the possession of, or falsification of a record pertaining to, the substances described in
9 subdivision (a) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence
10 thereof. "

11 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

12 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444 states, in pertinent part:

13 "A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications,
14 functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or
15 potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health,
16 safety, or welfare."

17 COST RECOVERY

18 10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
19 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
20 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
21 enforcement of the case.

22 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

23 (Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

24 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 2761, subdivision (f)
25 and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, in that
26 Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or
27 duties of a registered nurse. The circumstances are as follows:
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1 12. On or about June 30, 2011, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted
2 of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving
3 while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood] in the criminal proceeding
4 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Raymond Estores Pollentes* (Super. Ct. Los
5 Angeles County, 2011, No. 1SY02787). The Court placed Respondent on 36 months probation,
6 with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about
7 February 5, 2011, Respondent's vehicle was stuck in the center median of a railroad track while
8 he was attempting to make a U-turn. Upon questioning by a police officer, Respondent admitted
9 to drinking 5 beers. During the booking procedure, Respondent submitted to a blood test which
10 resulted in a blood-alcohol content level of 0.22%.

11 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 **(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)**

13 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a),
14 as defined in Code section 2762, subdivision (b), in that Respondent used alcoholic beverages to
15 an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or the public, when he
16 operated a vehicle while having 0.22% of alcohol in his blood. Complainant refers to, and by this
17 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 12, as though set forth fully.

18 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 **(Conviction Involving the Consumption of Alcohol)**

20 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a), as
21 defined in section 2762, subdivision (c), in that on or about June 30, 2011, Respondent was
22 convicted of a crime involving the consumption of alcohol. Complainant refers to, and by this
23 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 12, as though set forth fully.

24 **PRAYER**

25 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
26 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:


27 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 783966, issued to Raymond
28 Estores Pollentes;

2. Ordering Raymond Estores Pollentes to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:

February 15, 2012



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